

Bulgari to Beachfront: Citterio unveils debut US scheme

Italian designer of Bulgari's five-star hotels and residences shows off his beachfront project in Miami's Surfside, inspired by 1930s modernism...

Images have been released of a new resi project by master Italian architect Antonio Citterio, designer of Bulgari's ultra-luxe hotels and residences in London, Dubai, Milan and Bali.

The boutique *Arte* development in Miami's Surfside is delivering just 16 residences across 170,000 square feet on an acre of prime oceanfront real estate.

Top-end amenities will include indoor and outdoor pools, spa, fitness room, tennis court, golf simulator, clubhouse and parking, while the landscaping is by the acclaimed designer Enzo Enea and aims to be an extension of the spa facilities at beach level. One of Robert Indiana's iconic ART sculptures will sit in front of the building for good measure.

The project marks the Italian's first foray into the US, and he's chosen a an area well known for its starchitects – Richard Meier and Renzo Piano have also been making some striking additions to the beachscape of late.

Citterio, who also designed the Mandarin Oriental in Milan, says he was inspired by Miami's strong architectural heritage – notably the 1930s modern style – and has incorporated a series of massive terraces, some of which are as big as the apartments themselves. Key materials include Roman travertine and oak wood (mainly because they reflect the sunlight and age well), along with solid brass.

Completion is due in 2018, but prices are – sadly – yet to be released.





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